6. On a small Collection of Butterflies made in the Chikala District, British Central Africa, by Mr. George Hoare '. By Arthur G. Butler, Ph.D., F.L.S., F.Z.S., &c.

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The present series was forwarded to our Secretary for me by Mr. J. F. Cunningham, Secretary to the Administration, in the hope that they might be useful for the Museum collection, to which I may at once say that it forms a most welcome addition.

Chikala, north end of Lake Shirwa, being new collecting-ground, might be expected to yield new species to the explorer; but the present consignment (which comprises examples of only twenty-one species) contains nothing hitherto unnamed, although one of the ten forms of *Charaxes* in the collection is of considerable interest to me, not only as being the first female specimen which we have acquired, but as proving that I was correct in placing *C. lactetinetus* next after *C. azota* in my arrangement of the genus.

Considering that most of the specimens in this collection belong to the muscular-winged genus *Charaxes*, we may congratulate Mr. Hoare that so many of them are in good condition. The

following is a list of the species:--

1. AMAURIS WHYTEI Butl.

A single perfect male example.

2. MELANITIS SOLANDRA Fabr.

One female.

3. Eurytela hyarba, var. angustata Auriv.

A perfect male, with the band on the secondaries nearly as wide and the markings below as distinct as in the typical Western form.

4. CHARAXES BRUTUS Fabr.

Two perfect male specimens.

5. CHARAXES POLLUX Cram.

A pair. The female of this species is rather rare.

6. Charaxes castor, var. flavifasciatus Butl.

A nearly perfect male.

7. CHARAXES GUDERIANA Dewitz.

A perfect male.

8. CHARAXES AZOTA, VAR. NYASANA Butl.

A nearly perfect female. Quite new to the Museum collection.

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The female of the Delagoa Bay form (the typical *C. azota* of Hewitson) has been figured by Mrs. Monteiro in her 'Delagoa Bay, its Natives and Natural History,' frontispiece, fig. 1.

9. CHARAXES MACCLOUNII Butl.

Four females, three of them a little worn, but not much broken.

10. CHARAXES CANDIOPE Godt.

A male almost perfect.

11. CHARAXES CITHÆRON Feld.

Two perfect males.

12. CHARAXES BOHEMANI Feld.

Three females, a little worn.

13. CHARAXES VARANES Cramer.

Five examples, two being almost perfect. This species usually comes to hand in very poor condition.

14. JUNONIA SESAMUS Trimen.

Two fine specimens.

15. PYRAMEIS CARDUI Linn.

A slightly worn male.

16. HYPANARTIA SCHENEIA Trimen.

A rather rubbed male.

17. Euralia wahlbergi Wallgr.

A perfect male.

18. CATOPSILIA FLORELLA Fabr.

Two much-worn females.

19. Papilio similis Cram.

A slightly damaged male.

20. Papilio demoleus Linn.

Two good males.

21. Papilio merope, var. dardanus Brown.

Four males and one female in good condition.